[10th February 1955

Government Hospital, Tindivanam.

* 584 *Q.*—SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the average number of in-patients treated in the Government Hospital at Tindivanam for 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" 32, Sir."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Are the Government aware that the bed-strength of that hospital is insufficient to meet the demand and will they increase it by constructing an additional ward? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have repeatedly said that the average number of in-patients in almost all Government hospitals is more than the sanctioned bed-strength. According to the necessities of the case, the bed-strength is increased from time to time."

11–10 a.m. SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR :—" ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் சிகிச்சை பெறும் நோயாளிகளுக்கு ' பெனிஸிலின் ' போன்ற ஊசி போடவேண்டியிருக்கும்போது, நோயளிகளை அதற்கான மருந்துகளை வாங்கித் தரவேண்டும் என்று டாக்டர்கள் வற்புறுத்துகிறார்கள். அப்படிப்பட்ட ஊசி மருந்துகள் நோயாளிகளுக்கு இலவசமாகக் கிடைக்க சர்க்கார் ஆஸ்பத்திரி அதிகாரிகளுக்கு உத்தரவு பிறப்பிப்பார்களா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

" Lovers' Path " in the Marina.

* 585 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the cost of construction of the " Lovers' Path " in the Marina; and

(*b*) the subsidy paid by the Government to the Corporation towards the maintenance of the " Lovers' Path "?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) ' The Lovers' Path ' has been in existence for nearly 40 years and there is no information as to the exact amount spent on its construction.

" (*b*) The ' Lovers' Path ' forms part of the Marina Gardens now under the administrative control of and maintenance by the State Public Works Department and the question of any subsidy to the Corporation of Madras does not arise."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Is this ' Lovers' Path ' intended only for lovers who go on loving without being married or do married couples who do not love one another also use this? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The hon. Member is free to put any sort of construction he chooses on the term ' Lovers' Path '."